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FINAL MINUTES FOR SUMMARY ACTION TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2006
9535 E. Doubletree Ranch Road • Scottsdale, Arizona

Board Members

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Sharon B. Megdal, Ph.D.

Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N.

Paul M. Petelin Sr., M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present: Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., William R. Martin, III, M.D., Patrick N. Connell, M.D., Patricia R.J. Griffen, Tim B. Hunter, M.D., Becky Jordan, Ram R. Krishna, M.D. and Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N. The following Board Members were absent: Lorraine Mackstaller, M.D., Sharon B. Megdal, Ph.D., and Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D. The following Board Member joined the meeting at 12:18 p.m.: Douglas D. Lee, M.D.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Statements issued during the call to the public appear beneath the case referenced.

NO.	CASE NO.	COMPLAINANT v PHYSICIAN		LIC. #	RESOLUTION
1.	MD-06-0340A	J.C.	KING T. LEUNG, M.D.	10262	Summarily Suspend the physician's license because the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action unless the physician signs a consent agreement for a Decree of Censure for outstanding unprofessional conduct matters and signs a non-disciplinary surrender for medical reasons by 5:00 p.m..

King Leung, M.D. was present with counsel Mr. Calvin Raup.

Mark Nanney, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant summarized the case to the Board. There is concern about Dr. Leung's competency after review of the medical consultant's findings in the index medical record reviewed in this case. Dr. Nanney said the findings in the first medical record compelled him to have another medical consultant review additional patient records to see if there was a pattern in Dr. Leung's care. Dr. Nanney stated the results showed that even a cursory review of the additional files demonstrated Dr. Leung did not meet even the minimum standard of care in his practice. Dr. Leung was ordered to undergo a Physician Assessment and Clinical Evaluation (PACE) to assess his competency, but Dr. Leung failed to attend. For this reason, Dr. Nanney recommended the Board not allow Dr. Leung to return to practice.

Mr. Raup said Dr. Leung was in China when the Board's Order was received in his office and therefore he could not respond immediately. Mr. Raup said he spoke to Board Staff and they explained Dr. Leung could surrender his license without admission to the findings as an alternative to attending PACE. Mr. Raup said he was then given conflicting information from another Staff member who said surrender without admission was not an option. Mr. Raup said while he was waiting to re-confirm what he considered to be the Board's first offer, he

learned Dr. Leung was in violation of the Board Order to attend PACE. Mr. Raup said Dr. Leung's wife called PACE and explained Dr. Leung was medically incapable, per Dr. Leung's physician, of presenting for the evaluation. Mr. Raup said Dr. Leung notified his patients and Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona (MICA) that he has officially retired. Mr. Raup said Dr. Leung has significant medical problems, and is willing to surrender his license and to agree, as part of the acknowledgement that he is unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine, that he will not apply for a medical license in the United States for the remainder of his life.

MOTION: William R. Martin, III, M.D. moved to go into Executive Session.

SECONDED: Ram R. Krishna, M.D.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 4-absent

MOTION PASSED.

The Board went into Executive Session for legal advice at 12:10 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:17 p.m.

No deliberations or decisions were made during Executive Session.

Douglas D. Lee, M.D. joined the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Tina Geiser, Assistant Manager of Investigations said she spoke to Mr. Raup prior to the expiration of the 30 days allotted for Dr. Leung to present to PACE and said she made it clear that Dr. Leung would have to admit to findings of fact if he surrendered his license. Ms. Geiser said she had no recollection or notes of Mr. Raup telling her Dr. Leung could not present to PACE due to medical reasons.

Ram R. Krishna, M.D. said he believe the cases warranted a more strict action than a surrender of license because of competency concerns as voiced by Dr. Nanney. Dr. Krishna also noted Dr. Leung was a danger to the public due to medical reasons, as stated by Dr. Leung's attorney, Mr. Raup.

MOTION: Ram R. Krishna, M.D. moved Summarily Suspend the physician's license because the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

SECONDED: Tim B. Hunter, M.D.

Tim B. Hunter, M.D. asked that the motion be amended to state the summary suspension be precluded if Dr. Leung surrendered the license with cause by signing a consent agreement by close of business today. Dr. Krishna said he was in agreement with the amendment.

Christine Cassetta, Board Legal Counsel suggested, in order to accommodate Dr. Leung's request to consider his medical condition, there could be two consent agreements drafted - a Consent Agreement for a Decree of Censure for the deviation from the standard of care issues and a Consent Agreement for Surrender of License for medical reasons signed by the close of business today.

MOTION: Ram R. Krishna, M.D. amended the motion to Summarily Suspend the physician's license to reflect that the Summary Suspension will take effect unless the physician signs a consent agreement for a Decree of Censure for outstanding unprofessional conduct matters and signs a non-disciplinary surrender for medical reasons by 5:00 p.m. today.

SECONDED: Tim B. Hunter, M.D.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board Members voted in favor of the motion: Patrick N. Connell, M.D., Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., Patricia R.J. Griffen, Tim B. Hunter, M.D., Becky Jordan, Ram R. Krishna, M.D., William R. Martin, III, M.D. and Dona Pardo, Ph.D, R.N. The following Board Member abstained: Douglas D. Lee, M.D. The following Board Members were absent: Lorraine Mackstaller, M.D., Sharon B. Megdal, Ph.D., and Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 1-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent

MOTION PASSED.

NO.	CASE NO.	COMPLAINANT v PHYSICIAN		LIC. #	RESOLUTION
2.	MD-06-0950A	AMB	MOHAMMAD Z. QURESHI, M.D.	8269	No Action Taken

Mohammad Qureshi, M.D. was not present but was represented by counsel, Mr. Stephen Myers.

Mark Nanney, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant summarized the case for the Board. The case was initiated as part of a compliance case. The Internal Medical Consultant (IMC) found an issue of immediate concern in Dr. Qureshi's use of Toradol injections for nerve blocks and injections of Toradol into paraspinal structures. The IMC reviewed three medical records and found Dr. Qureshi performed lumbar plexus blocks, cervical paravertebral blocks, lumbar paravertebral blocks and nerve blocks using Toradol. The IMC stated the alcohol contained in the Toradol would then create a risk of injury to the underlying nerve structures. By the same reasoning, Dr. Nanney noted using Toradol for nerve blocks creates risk of injury. The IMC was concerned Dr. Qureshi lacked a proper understanding of anatomy. Dr. Nanney recommended Dr. Qureshi be stopped from using injectable Toradol or any other alcohol containing substance until the Board could ascertain his skill level.

Mr. Myers stated he was unable to speak Dr. Qureshi about the case because he is in Africa and Mr. Myers had been unable to contact him. Mr. Myers said Dr. Qureshi was unaware of the allegations in this case. Mr. Myers asked the Board to delay the matter for one week until Dr. Qureshi could return.

MOTION: Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N. moved to go into Executive Session.

SECONDED: William R. Martin, III, M.D.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent

MOTION PASSED.

The Board went into Executive Session for legal advice at 12:33 p.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 12:35 p.m.
No deliberations or decisions were made during Executive Session.

Ram R. Krishna, M.D. asked Dr. Nanney, if he had any concerns with the case being continued for another week since Dr. Qureshi was not in town and could not practice or pose a threat to the public. Dr. Nanney said he did not see a problem with granting the extension.

MOTION: Ram R. Krishna, M.D. moved to postpone the Board's decision until Dr. Qureshi returned to town.

SECONDED: Patrick N. Connell, M.D.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board Members voted in favor of the motion: Patrick N. Connell, M.D., Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., Patricia R.J. Griffen, Tim B. Hunter, M.D., Becky Jordan, Ram R. Krishna, M.D., Douglas D. Lee, M.D., William R. Martin, III, M.D., Dona Pardo, Ph.D, R.N. The following Board Members were absent: Lorraine Mackstaller, M.D., Sharon B. Megdal, Ph.D., and Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent

MOTION PASSED.

Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., noted there may be a potential threat to the public if Dr. Qureshi returned earlier than one week and began practicing. William R. Martin, III, M.D. asked legal advice as to whether the case could still be considered for emergency action after postponing for one week. Dr. Goldfarb noted the deviations in the case were egregious and he had concern with this case. Dean Brekke, Assistant Attorney General said it would be acceptable to wait. Mr. Myers said Dr. Quereshi would be returning to town on Monday, that was less than a week away. Christine Cassetta, Board Legal Counsel noted Dr. Quereshi had been offered an Interim Consent for Practice Restriction and suggested if that Agreement was not signed and returned to the Board on the day Dr. Quereshi resumes practice, the Board could hold another summary action meeting as necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy C. Miller".

Timothy C. Miller, J.D., Executive Director